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SUBJ: GUNDELACH ON EC IMPORTS OF CEREAL SUBSTITUTES

1. DURING THE EC COMMISSION'S NIGHT PRESS BRIEFING ON
SEPTEMBER 26, COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE GUNDELACH
COMMENTED ON MEASURES TO CONTROL EC IMPORTS OF CEREAL
SUBSTITUTES. HIS COMMENTS WERE REPORTED IN A REUTERS'
DISPATCH OF THE SAME DATE. THIS DISPATCH WAS INACCURATE
IN TWO IMPORTANT RESPECTS.

2. FIRST, GUNDELACH'S ALLEGED STATEMENT "THAT THE EC
WOULD SEEK THE SAME VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS FROM THE U.S.
AND BRAZIL ON THEIR SOYA EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY DURING
THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS..." WAS NEVER MADE
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BY GUNDELACH.

3. SECONDLY, WE REPEAT BELOW A PORTION OF THE REUTERS'
DISPATCH WITH CORRECTION IN PARENTHESES.
"BRUSSELS, SEPT 26 - THE COMMON MARKET HAS NO
INTENTION OF IMPOSING TAXES ON SOYA IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.
OR BRAZIL OR ON IMPORTS OF CEREALS SUBSTITUTES SUCH AS

MANIOC FROM THAILAND, EEC FARM COMMISSIONER F. O.
GUNDELACH SAID.

"IMPORT TAXES ON THESE PRODUCTS HAVE NO PLACE IN THE
EEC'S POLICIES FOR REDUCING ITS SURPLUS PRODUCTION OF
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER
TODAY'S EEC FARM MINISTERS MEETING HERE.

"GUNDELACH SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN PERSUAD-
ING COUNTRIES (GUNDELACH SAID THE EC INTENDS TO PERSUADE
COUNTRIES) IN THE FAR EAST WHICH PRODUCE CHEAP SUBSTITUTES
FOR EEC-GROWN CEREALS THAT THEY SHOULD CUT BACK THEIR
EXPORTS TO LEVELS REACHED LAST YEAR WHICH COINCIDE WITH
WHAT THE EEC NEEDS."

4. THE CORRECTION AND DELETION ARE BASED ON A REPORT OF
GUNDELACH'S COMMENTS MADE BY A MISSION AGRICULTURAL
OFFICER WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE PRESS BRIEFING. IT WAS
SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED TO US BY GUNDELACH'S CHIEF OF
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